

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 1 JUNE 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Community Development Program – Comprehensive Compliance Assessments

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Senator: McCarthy

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Question:

- a) Senator McCARTHY: Does the Department oversee the comprehensive compliance assessments?

Dr Charker: The Department certainly has a role in investigating reported noncompliance with compulsory mutual obligation requirements.

Senator McCARTHY: It does?

Ms Campbell: Yes.

Senator McCARTHY: So how many have you done in the year to date?

Ms Campbell: We would probably have to take that on notice. You are only interested in CDP?

Senator McCARTHY: At this stage.

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- b) Senator McCARTHY: So who is conducting the CCAs for remote Indigenous clients then, Dr Charker?

Dr Charker: I have to take advice. We will check that and confirm.

Answer:

- a) As at 31 March 2017, the Department had finalised a total of 40,585 Comprehensive Compliance Assessments (CCAs) for job seekers in the Community Development Program regions in 2016–17.
- b) All CCAs are conducted by specialists who are either a suitably skilled staff member or a Social Worker, where required.